

## **DC/MD AER BOARD MEETING**

**August 2, 2022**

**7:00-8:00 pm**

### **Objectives:** conference, vendor fair, committees

1. Welcome and roll call (5 minutes) - Al  
In Attendance: Al, Diane, Dena, Krista, Abby, Ericka, Matthew, Becky,
2. Determination of roles for the meeting (1 minute):
  - a. Facilitator: Al
  - b. Recorder: Abby
  - c. Timekeeper: We don't need no stinking timekeeper
3. Review of meeting objectives and additions to agenda (2 minutes) - Al
  - a. Conference, Committees,
4. Treasurer Report (3 minutes) - Matt
  - a. We have \$14,824.67. We have not yet deposited the \$3,500 grant check.
5. International Conference – (10 minutes) Karen (and anyone else that went)
  - a. Honoring colleagues in the field for individuals with disabilities themselves.
  - b. Mental health - AER is promoting full partnership with AFB to foster mental health awareness. AFB plans to promote opportunities to support individuals with mental health concerns.
  - c. AER - Success beyond site link - registry form for TVIs, encouraging TVI's to submit form for badge of nationally recognized TVI. Currently conflicts are being resolved.
  - d. OT prep program - organization to bring two professions together (OT & TVI).
  - e. Next conference somewhere in the Northeast (destination not disclosed yet).
6. Conference –(30 minutes) - Al
  - a. Call for Papers has gone out.
  - b. Price is \$72 per person from Maritime, plus \$200 for dining area and \$300 for awards. Plus there will be some free lunches for award winners. Was looking at \$80 for members and \$105 for non-members, but we may need to go higher.
  - c. Presentation submissions are due by October 14. Will start registration in November
  - d. AER/Steering working together. Two possible speakers, 1 from APH and 1 from lego braille bricks. Lego braille bricks - free session with OT/TVI presenting.
  - e. At this time, the board decides that there is no virtual option for this conference. Conference can be recorded, if recording works, we can advertise it being disseminated to those who may have missed the conference.
  - f. Steering and AER will be working together on recruiting speakers/advertising together.
7. Vendor Fair –(15 minutes) –Al
  - a. November 9, 2022 6-8 pm Courtyard by Marriott Baltimore Hunt Valley. Buffet and cash bar.

- b. Vendors will be \$150 plus \$50 raffle
  - c. What should we charge people? 5\$ for members, get 1 free raffle ticket? Charge for additional raffle tickets? Non-members 15\$? Advertise bringing cash.
  - d. Need people to help with set-up, clean-up, door, etc.
    - i. Tablecloths for vendors
    - ii. Set-up, clean-up, etc. - Ericka, AER board
8. Subcommittees – (15 minutes) –Various
- a. Membership Committee –Ericka, google group sharing ideas. Working on brainstorming creative ways to use social media to recruit members. Al speaking at MSB to work on recruiting 8/22.
  - b. Bylaws Committee – Karen
  - c. Awards Committee – Dena
    - i. Should get pleas out around November
  - d. Any other committees?
9. Action Items/ Follow-up – (2 minutes) – Al
- a. Next meeting: Tuesday, September 13, 2022. 7-8:30 PM
  - b. Meeting adjourned: at 8:17 PM.